



Every year about 1/4 of the government's civilian employees quit their jobs and have to be replaced.

VOL. XI—NO. 46

SALINAS, CALIF., TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1949

WHOLE NO. 562

SALINAS CENTRAL LABOR UNION ACTIVE IN HAVING CITIZENS REGISTER; COMMITTEES NAMED

Affiliated unions to the Central Labor Union Monterey County, Salinas, were well represented at the weekly meeting of that group held last Friday night in the Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., with President George A. Harter presiding.

Secretary-Treasurer Wm. G. Kenyon, who has been on a two-week vacation, was at his desk. Brother Kenyon attended the meeting although still on his vacation because of the heavy amount of correspondence and other business needing the attention of the delegates and he did not want to pass this work on to someone else to take care of.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials were received from Engineers No. 39 for Brother R. A. Wood. The brother being present and his credentials passed upon, he was obligated and seated.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Butchers' representative reported that the union met on Thursday, July 7, at a postponed meeting from July 4. They had previously made a \$25 contribution to the Red Cross.

Culinary Alliance, according to Delegate Sister Boles, reported the signing of three new houses in Hollister. Carpenters 925 reported that the installation of officers was held July 5.

Brother Fenchel of the Laborers reported the election of officers. Brother T. J. Crawford reported on the progress of the Plumbers and Steamfitters.

Sugar Workers' Delegates Fong and Price reported on the meetings of the union to hear reports on the progress of the new agreement.

Brother Andrade of the Teamsters made a report on the change of meeting places to accommodate the large membership. He spoke also on what the union is doing to get citizens registered for the coming elections. The Kiddle Show sponsored by the Temos is drawing big attendances.

Brother Al Clark presented his resignation from the Negotiating Committee. The Press Committee, Brother Kenyon, Clayton and Bennett reported that the Council had radio time every Saturday night from 9:15 to 9:30 on the local radio station for transmissions.

President Harris of the Temos spoke on the petitions that are being circulated for annexation. Union labor is doing what it can and the office employees of the Temos are cooperating. Brother Lara also made an encouraging report dealing with annexation. President Harter complimented the Teamsters on their efforts to have people register.

Sister Boles of the Banquet Committee for the Labor Council installation of officers stated that all had a nice time and she hoped that all were satisfied. Brother Harris suggested that Council Secretary Kenyon be instructed to write Brother Daniel V. Flanagan, western representative of the American Federation of Labor, a letter of thanks for being present and for the fine talk as he also installed the new officers. Brother Fenchel thanked the committee and the members there for the work they did in arranging such a fine banquet. Brother Harris felt that the committee had taken care of all details.

Brother Lara was also the recipient of congratulations from President Harter as well as his committee for the work they did on the Council flag and seeing it carried through. Brother Fenchel was advised by President Harter that flowers were used from his garden, but that Brother Fenchel was not present when they received them. Delegates had a good laugh over this. Brother Fenchel was happy that they made use of some of the flowers.

Sister Boles was elected to the Negotiating Committee which now is composed of Brothers Andrade and Mill and Sister Boles.

Brother R. A. Christensen of Engineers 39 was elected as a member of the Organizing Committee. Brothers, Fenchel, Lara and Clayton were appointed as tellers.

Brother Andrade suggested that a small amount be set aside to be used to defray expenses of having people register citizens so that they would be eligible as voters for the coming elections. A Registration Committee was named to check on getting people registered. Reina, Price, Shinn, Clayton and Sister Hazel Skewes were the committee that would meet periodically. Brother Andrade was named chairman of the committee.

Brother Crawford, delegate of the Plumbers and Steamfitters,

gave the delegates a talk on the unemployment situation now confronting the country, and said he would like to see the Council do something about it. The Council felt that this should be taken before the State Federation of Labor soon to meet in Los Angeles.

Delegates to attend the state convention are scheduled to be elected at the last meeting of the Council in July.

A committee composed of Brothers Fenchel, Andrade, Lara, Boles, Price, Ivan Miller, Foster and Reina were given authority to make plans for the Christmas entertainment of the Council.

Brother Andrade, who presided at the installation of the Council officers as Master of Ceremonies, was applauded for the fine way he attended to the duties. The brother was given hearty applause.

LABORERS 272 BUS. AGENT REPORTS ON NEW CONTRACTS

Brother J. B. McGinley, business representative of Laborers 272, reports that Frederickson & Kissler have started the road job in San Ardo. This is a four-mile stretch from San Ardo to King City.

Bechtel Pipe Co. expected to start work last Monday on the wrapping and placing of pipe at Antelope, south of Hollister. Edward V. Hampshire was awarded the contract for the school addition at Soledad.

Vern Huck was awarded the contract for building the YMCA swimming pool in Salinas. This was expected to get under way Monday, July 11.

CARPENTERS 925 TO HEAR TALK ON UNEMPLOYMENT INS.

Carpenters 925 at their next meeting, July 19, will have a Mr. Cameron of the State Employment Office from Sacramento to give a talk on unemployment insurance and disability benefits and how they are handled. As many members as possible should endeavor to be present. A question period for members to ask questions in regard to matters they are desirous of knowing more about will be had.

Bids on the estimated \$10,000,000 job of the State Prison at Soledad that was to be opened on July 6 has been postponed till July 19, according to reports, upon request of contractors so as to give them more time to submit their bids.

Business Representative Baldwin states that it is not expected that all contracts will be immediately awarded and after being awarded there no doubt will be some time before work gets under way. Officers for the new term were installed by Brother Ivan Miller on Tuesday, July 5.

Restaurant Employees & Bartenders 483 Elect And Install Officers

Hotel, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union No. 483, elected the following as officers at an election held on Tuesday, July 5.

President, Charles Osterloh; vice president, Robert Harrington; secretary, Robert Harrington; recording secretary, Lucille McNally; inspector, Crystal Ross; guard, Harry Watson; chaplain, Forest E. Ward; trustees, Edna Cook, Peter Puhl, Pearl P. Robinson and Harvey E. Rose. Central Labor Council delegates, Andy Church and Pearl P. Robinson.

The installation of these officers was held on Wednesday, July 6. Secretary-Treasurer George L. Rice reports that Mr. Russell Zaches, city attorney of Monterey, installed the new officers.

Painters 272 Install New Officers June 28

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers No. 272, had election and installation of officers on Tuesday, June 28. Those installed by past President Robert L. Deakin were:

President, Fred G. Zahner; vice president, H. F. Mickelson; recording secretary, Ernest Worthen; financial secretary and business representative, J. L. Bolin; conductor, Joe Ptazsek; warden, Jim Burke; delegates to Building and Construction Trades Council, J. L. Bolin, W. K. "Bill" Grubbs and Milton Isakson; treasurer, Wm. Mayer.

KIDDIES KLUB SHOW ON JULY 16TH AT SALINAS HIGH AUD.

The next Kiddies Klub show will be held July 16th in the auditorium of the Salinas Union High School, Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters 890, announced this week.

The show is scheduled to start promptly at 10 a.m.

Brother Harris states that attendance is increasing every week. The union president advises that two more shows will be held in July, July 16th and July 30.

Mystery Letters Flood VA Office

Veterans administration spends millions of dollars each year trying to establish the identity of veterans who write the 10,000 "mystery letters" received by the VA every day.

"Mystery letters" are those in which the veteran fails to include sufficient information to identify himself among the 24,000,000 persons whose names are in VA's master index file.

The VA receives 125,000,000 letters a year and many of them are simply signed "John Smith." There happens to be 217,000 Smiths in VA files and 12,500 of them are named John. There are also 170,000 Johnsons and 110,000 Millers.

In order for "John Smith" to become an individual to the Veterans Administration he should use the service number assigned him while in the Armed Forces and in addition his VA claim or insurance number if he has one.

A veteran who wishes fast action on his letter to the Veterans Administration should include his full name and address, date of birth, service number, branch of service and VA claim or insurance number.

The letter which does not contain the claim or insurance number must go to the master index file where the identity of the writer is established through his service number. This results in delay in answering the letter.

The real "tax-eaters" are the letters which contain only a signature and VA has received thousands of them. Many contained cash for payment of insurance premiums. The letter and envelope contain nothing to identify the writer but the signature. In these cases the postmark is cross-checked and VA's hand-writing and fingerprint experts go to work. VA employees may spend hours trying to establish the identity of the writer. In some cases the identities of the "mystery letter" writers are never solved.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS HAVE MORE MEMBERS AT STONE & WEBSTER

Electrical Workers employed at the Stone and Webster job are back to work again after a satisfactory settlement had been reached in regard to the travel time.

Secretary-Business Manager Earl E. Ozols reports that he is receiving numerous inquiries regarding work at the State Prison job to be built at Soledad. These inquiries are from contractors.

Electricians are soon to start work when the remodeling takes place at the Purdy Store in Soledad. The Belvill Electric Co. has the job on the Purdy Store at Salinas. Work there was started July 7. The secretary states that there more men went to work on the Stone & Webster job.

Permanent Metals are dropping quite a few electricals with the curtailing of operations. The union is still negotiating agreements with the rest of the contractors.

Linoleum Layers Get an Application; 1104 Install Officers

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers No. 1104, had election and installation of officers on Tuesday, June 28. The following were installed by Acting Perceptor Earl Ross:

President, John J. Warburton; vice president, Brother Otis; recording secretary, Peter Greco; financial secretary and business representative, Roy Hearn.

Secretary Hearn reports that organization work is being done among the linoleum layers, with one application being received. This group is partially organized at present. Brother Hearn also reports that members to work the Moss Landing job will be furnished through the union from Salinas about August 1. An audit of the books is being made by Mr. Ulin Anderson, Salinas public accountant.

MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

Family of Nine Evicted



Salesman Rafael Perez, cited by the late President Roosevelt for 20 years of outstanding social work in Chicago's Mexican-American community, sits with his wife and six of seven children on a double-decker bed in the street. Able to pay as much as \$80 rent, the Perez family was evicted because the landlord wanted the space.

\$8 a Day Hospital Benefits Won In Closing Days of Legislature

(CFLNL) San Francisco. — In spite of the unrelenting opposition of the combined lobby of the employers and insurance companies, the Federation, in a skillful and well-planned move in the closing days of the '49er legislative session, was able to obtain legislation providing for the payment of an \$8.00 a day benefit for a maximum of 12 days, commencing January 1, 1950. The benefit is payable immediately upon entry to the hospital and no waiting period will be required for those covered by the Unemployment Insurance Act. This bill undoubtedly is the most important bill of the legislative session, and it is certainly the most important in terms of labor legislation.

These benefits were obtained by amending on the floor of the Senate a Federation-sponsored assembly bill, AB 669 (Berry), which then passed the Senate 25-9 on June 30, and on July 1 was concurred in by the Assembly with a vote of 66-1. AB 669, prior to amendment, provided that, for the Insurance Act, wages due an individual but unpaid shall be deemed wages paid, thereby increasing the individual's wage credits. This provision is continued, in addition to the amendments providing for hospital benefits.

AMENDED FORM

Final passage of AB 669 in its amended form is due to the efforts of the following individuals: Governor Earl Warren, Senator Jesse

Educator Says Govt. Action Means More Security, Freedom

Does this sound familiar? "Sure, we should do something about slums, disease, schools and a lot of other things. But public housing, national health insurance and aid to education take away our basic freedoms and tend to destroy the American way of life." That is always the conservative's answer to progressive legislation helping all, rather than a few, people.

COMMISSIONER'S ANSWER

But what are the real effects of social legislation? Here is the answer given by Dr. Earl J. McGrath, U.S. Commissioner of Education:

"There is a widespread belief that every act of a government agency . . . which increases a man's security automatically reduces his freedom. . . .

"I believe that we can achieve much greater security than we enjoy at present not with a loss of, but with an actual increase in political and personal independence.

"On the average we enjoy greater physical comforts, better health, greater vocational opportunities, higher real incomes and fuller educational advantages than our forefathers ever had, or than any other nation has today.

FREEDOM NOT IMPAIRED

"These improvements in the conditions of life in the United States were achieved largely through democratic social action. Our personal freedom has not been impaired in any important respect."

Dr. McGrath made these statements in a speech at the National Conference of Social Work in Cleveland.

Mayo (Calaveras and Tuolumne), Senator Hugh Burns (Fresno) and Harold J. Powers, Speaker pro tem. Senator Burns and Mayo jointly introduced the Federation-sponsored hospitalization amendment, which was ably presented by Senator Burns.

It is estimated, on a preliminary basis, that the average annual benefits paid out to all workers under this new bill will amount to approximately \$10,000,000 annually, or more. The Federation has thus been successful in achieving one of its major purposes at the 1949 legislative sessions — it has obtained to a very significant extent the disbursement to the workers of the surplus in the State Disability Insurance Fund. At the present time, the State Disability Fund is accumulating a surplus at the rate of about \$16,000,000 annually. The new hospital benefit plan will provide for the expenditure of about three-quarters of this currently accumulating surplus.

WARREN TO SIGN

The new hospital benefit bill, which is sure to be signed by the Governor, represents a tremendous victory over the insurance companies, who have been trying desperately to restrict any liberalization of the Disability Insurance Law, in order to protect their profits under the voluntary plans.

The blind, avaricious greed of the insurance company carriers of voluntary plans is nowhere more clearly shown than immediately following the Senate passage of AB 669 as amended. At that time the carriers attempted, and were almost successful in obtaining a combined and united front of all insurance carriers and all the major employer groups against further action on the bill. Their efforts were unavailing, and in the Assembly only Silliman (Monterey and San Luis Obispo) voted in opposition.

All unions should now realize that voluntary plans must provide at least for a hospital benefit of \$8.00 a day and should proceed immediately with the renegotiation of any voluntary plans now in existence.

Few Jobs For Grads

Washington. — The Census Bureau reported July 1 that unemployment has risen to 3,778,000, an increase of 489,000 over May.

Labor economists and some government experts challenge the Census Bureau figures, claiming that part-time workers, employed less than half the work days, persons expecting jobs and many women seeking work are not included in the total. They add another 1,500,000 to the total. This would make it well over the 5,000,000 danger mark established by President Truman.

Census blames the increase on the influx of high school and college graduates. But government economists have been expecting a sharp upturn in employment in June. Employment did increase, but only by 425,000. Total employment still is below the 60,000,000 mark.

Census said that only one-third of the graduates have been able to find jobs.

CARPENTERS AWAITING APPEAL DECISION ON CONTRACT STATUS

Eight of the nine contractor associations which the Bay District Carpenter's Council took to court in an effort to gain arbitration of their wage demands have filed an appeal from Judge Shoemaker's decision ordering arbitration, Dave Ryan, secretary of the District Council reports.

On June 17, the District Council went into Shoemaker's Superior Court contending that the Associations had opened the contract and asked that the provisions of the contract calling for arbitration of issues be enforced.

Judge Shoemaker upheld the contention, ruling in effect, that the employers themselves had opened the contract in a letter to the District Council on January 8. The letter discussed wages.

APPOINTED ARBITRATOR

A clause in the contract states that it was to continue in full force and effect until May 31, 1949 and thereafter for one year without change unless opened by either party by written notice before January 10, 1949.

Edward Trukington has been appointed arbitrator by the Court but pending the outcome of the appeal taken by the employer associations he will attempt to arrange no discussions. A decision on the appeal is expected late this week.

The carpenters have asked for 12½ cents an hour raises to bring their scale up to that paid to other mechanics in the building industry. Carpenters in Marin, Alameda, San Mateo and San Francisco are represented by the Bay District Council in the legal maneuvering and will be effected by any award made by the arbitrator if he enters the dispute.

Washington. — Organized labor lost one of its staunchest supporters in the U.S. Senate with the announced retirement, because of ill health, of Senator Robert F. Wagner, veteran liberal Democratic leader from New York state.

DEEP LOSS

Termining Senator Wagner's resignation "a deep loss," AFL President William Green said that "throughout his long career in the Senate, Mr. Wagner loyally upheld the cause of labor and worked tirelessly to promote progressive ideals."

"In his time, he sponsored the National Labor Relations Act and many other outstanding measures which will keep his name forever fresh and forever revered in the hearts of American working men and women."

In a statement announcing his resignation, Mr. Wagner reviewed the past legislative liberal triumphs and issued a call to those who believe "in the liberal tradition in American life" to protect past gains and work for advances in the future. He said in part:

"While I served in Washington, I had the priceless privilege of taking part in a continuing battle for human rights. It is a source of satisfaction and pride that there were more victories than defeats. Legislation was enacted to give labor a place of equality at the collective bargaining table and to insure its rights. Other laws gave to the people greater security in employment and some measure of protection against the economic tragedies of old age. All this was done in the pioneer spirit of mutual help."

"My regret, of course, is that I cannot remain in the front line. The battle for human rights is never ended. Those who believe in the liberal tradition in American life must remain alert to protect past gains. The future demands advances in many areas, particularly in those of conservation of our natural resources, defense against unemployment, adequate housing and national health."

Senator Wagner sponsored, over the advice of some of his own party leaders, the Wagner Act governing the relations of labor and management. Its successor, the Taft-Hartley Act, was strongly opposed by Senator Wagner.

He also sponsored the Social Security Act, the United States Housing Act, the National Industrial Recovery Act (popularly called the NRA), bills creating the Civilian Conservation Corps, various banking measures and a Senate resolution urging free entry to Palestine for displaced Jews.

STILL PENDING

Measures bearing his name still pending are the Wagner-Elender-Taft Bill for a federal housing program, and the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill to establish a system of national health insurance.

MORE UNION HOUSE CARDS IN HOLLISTER

Through the Joint Executive Board representing unions 467 and 545 two houses at Hollister have signed up with the respective unions. They are the Acme Club, Elmer Gall owner and New China Cafe.

Secretary A. J. Clark of the Bartenders 545, reports that three members were received while 10 members were received by the Culinary Alliance.

Secretary Treasurer Bertha Boles of Culinary Alliance 467, reports that prospects look good for that locality. The members and officers of both groups do appreciate the support that is being given them by the representatives and members of union labor in that locality.

The Canadian liberals' keeping prices level were rewarded by a substantial tax cut. This cut represented the savings to the Government coming from a level price line. The U.S. congressmen who increased Government costs by voting for black-market prices for all, curiously enough, talk the loudest about "economy" and "reducing Government costs."

The Canadian liberals talked less and did more by standing by price controls—and they were rewarded by the people in the voting booths.

ATTENTION SUBSCRIBER

Look at your name, address, city, zone, etc. at the top of this paper and see if it is correct. Good delivery through the mails depends largely on the completeness and accuracy of the address. If your address on this paper is not just as it should be, please tear off the name stamp and send it to us with corrections noted.

Yours for better service,
Mailing Department
LABOR NEWS
P. O. Box 1410
Salinas, Calif.

NLRB Ruling Bans Anti-T-H Picketing

Washington.—In a unanimous decision July 4, the NLRB held that a mass demonstration against the Taft-Hartley law in front of the Chicago plant of the Cory Corp., constituted a violation of the labor law itself.

The board held that regardless of the purpose of the demonstration in which between 1500 and 2000 members of the United Electrical Workers (CIO) took part, it was illegal because it resulted in physical obstruction of the entrances to the plant and prevented scabs from going to work.

To the union charge that the demonstration on Nov. 21, 1947 was an expression of solidarity following a scandalous anti-union attack by the company and an attempt by the company to install a rival union, the board made the following reply:

"Nor is it a valid defense as the respondents urge, that the large number of pickets was required as a demonstration of the strikers' solidarity and unity and as an effective means of persuasion to meet the company's alleged unscrupulousness in its labor relations. It is firmly established that good motives or intentions do not justify conduct otherwise unlawful."

NO PICKET BAN?

The board made it clear that it was not ruling against mass picketing as such.

"But we are not here confronted with, nor need we decide, the question whether peaceful picketing by a large number of persons without more is constitutionally privileged or per se unlawful under the act," the board declared.

The board found that both UE and its local 1150 which was conducting a strike at the plant were sponsors of the demonstration which lasted several hours before being broken up by Chicago police. The international, the local and 13 officers and pickets were found guilty of restraint and coercion of nonstriking Cory employees.

'OBSTRUCTIVE'

"We base our findings solely on the physically obstructive character of the picketing and demonstration," the board said, "which manifestly did more than convey the facts of a labor dispute."

The board issued a cease and desist order against the respondents.

Cost of Living Index Shows Slight Decline

Washington.—The Consumers' Price Index (cost of living index) declined 0.3 per cent between April 15 and May 15, 1949, as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The May 15 figure was 169.2 per cent of the 1935-39 average, which is 0.8 per cent lower than a year ago, but still 26.9 per cent higher than in June 1946.

Prices of all major groups except rent were lower than in the previous month, with decreases of 1.5 per cent for fuels, 1.3 per cent for house furnishings, 0.6 per cent for apparel, and fractional declines for food and for miscellaneous goods and services. Rents advanced 0.1 per cent during the month.

Retail food prices declined 0.2 per cent from mid-April to mid-May as lower prices were reported for all groups except eggs and fruits and vegetables, which advanced seasonally.

Food prices decreased during the month in 28 of the 56 cities surveyed, increased in 25, and were unchanged in 3. Variations from city to city ranged from a decrease of 3 per cent in San Francisco to an increase of 2 per cent in Rochester.

Chiefly responsible for the decline during the month were decreases of about 1 per cent for the dairy products and for meat, poultry and fish. Prices of fats and oils, declining for the tenth consecutive month, fell more than 3½ per cent, while cereals and bakery products, beverages and sugar declined fractionally.

Prices of poultry fell more than 5 per cent between mid-April and mid-May, and pork prices dropped 2.7 per cent.

Residential rents rose 0.1 per cent between April 15 and May 15.

MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

A CALIFORNIA LABOR PRESS PUBLICATION

Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pejoro Street, Salinas, California
Entered as Second Class Matter February 20, at the Postoffice at Salinas, California, Under the Act of March 3, 1879.

PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY

Official Organ of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, Salinas, Calif.
Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, Monterey, California.
Monterey County Building Trades Council, Monterey, Calif.PRESS COMMITTEE AT SALINAS
A. A. Harris, Teamsters
J. L. Parsons, Barbers
R. Fanchel, LaborersPRESS COMMITTEE AT MONTEREY
Wayne Edwards, Representing Central Labor Council
Dale Ward, Representing Building Council

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Year \$2.50
Six Months 1.50
Single Copies .05

Special rates to members of organized labor subscribing in a body through their Unions.

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

Address all Communications to the LABOR NEWS,
Post Office Box 1418, Salinas, California.All copy must be in not later than Tuesday noon, preceding date of publication.
The editorial policy of this paper is not reflected in any way by the advertisements or signed communications printed herein.

LABOR MUST SAVE ITSELF

Nobody will ever save labor from the destruction being planned to disrupt our unions except labor itself. In our day and age this applies with special force to what is happening in the field of legislation, both state and national. Our Congress and our state legislatures in the 48 states are composed of lawmakers who were elected by the people, a large percentage of whom must have been working people.

There is nobody nearly so much to blame for the election of these misrepresentatives as the workers themselves, who by their votes made it possible for them to get elected at all, since nobody could possibly get elected without getting a lot of labor votes. Add to this the thousands of workers and their family members who did not vote at all and between these two you have the answer to the question of how did these anti-labor lawmakers get elected in the first place?

Nobody will nor can change this deplorable state of affairs, which today threatens to deprive labor of most if not all that has been gained during recent years, except the workers themselves. They have plenty votes to transform every lawmaking body in the land from the anti-labor lawmakers that infest our state legislatures and our national Congress today into pro-labor bodies. This is what labor must do and only labor itself can do it.

DAY OF RECKONING COMING

It is all becoming clear as daylight to the rapidly growing army of working people who are organizing into political labor leagues all over the land. Labor was given a terribly raw deal by the 80th Congress, when it passed the Taft-Hartley bill over President Truman's veto. By refusing to repeal this evil bill, which very appropriately has been designed to be a slave law, the present 81st Congress is demonstrating every day it sits in session that it is little, if any better, than its immediate predecessor.

By their anti-labor votes cast during this session of our national lawmaking body practically every Congressman has put himself so definitely for or against labor that it should be a comparatively simple matter for voters in 1950 to select their friends and to know their enemies. When the next primary election comes around labor will have its chance of calling these anti-labor lawmakers to an accounting.

To do an effective job every worker will have to do his duty in 1950 by actually casting his vote, first in the primary, then in the November election. Next year should be made the year of reckoning for a lot of anti-labor lawmakers.

CONSTRUCTIVE SPENDING

After having closed the fiscal year, June 30th, on behalf of the U.S. government nearly two billion dollars in the red, with the amount spent during that year totalling over 40 billion dollars it must have been somewhat of a jolt for a lot of the Congressmen, who are responsible for the fabulous amount spent, to note how little of this enormous amount of money had been constructively used.

What must impress anybody who takes a look at how the billions of dollars spent during the past fiscal year actually were applied is the very large proportion that was expended for military purposes, donated to foreign powers, financing what looks like a lot of mostly useless commissions set up by Congress. In short there has been a lot of non-constructive spending.

On the other hand the proportion of the more than 40 billion dollars spent that has been applied to constructive purposes has been lamentably small. Even the housing program did not get through Congress in any form till in July, which will go into the next fiscal year. What was done for education was shamefully skimpy. To get the necessary appropriations for continuing reclamation work already started, especially in the west, was like pulling teeth to jar loose.

We need to elect a Congress that will spend more of the public's money for projects that are constructive and far less for the non-constructive ones.

WE CAN DO WHAT OTHERS DO

There is no limit to the possibilities of what American workers can accomplish with their ballots. Till now it is only occasionally that labor has risen in its political might in the United States to sway and actually determine the course of our national elections. But the time is now here when the workers of the United States must unite their forces and do like labor in many other countries throughout the world has done.

Wherever the workers have awakened to the necessity of using their political strength to defend themselves against the political annihilation planned for them by slippery politicians they have not only become a force politically that had to be reckoned with, but in a number of countries the dominating political party of today is the party of Labor. What they have done there we can do here.

Grin or Groan

Mrs. Professor—"Darling, do you know that you haven't kissed me for three weeks?"
Absent-minded Professor—"Good heavens! Then whom have I been kissing?"

It was at a musical comedy.
"Why, are all the men in the front rows badheaded?" she asked.
"Because they bought their tickets from scalpers," he replied.

A farmer was asked to buy a bicycle. "A bicycle won't eat its head off," said the salesman. "They're cheap now, and I can let you have one for \$85."

"I guess I'd rather put the \$85 into a cow," said the farmer, reflectively.

"Ha-ha," laughed the salesman, "you'd look mighty foolish, riding around your farm on a cow, now, wouldn't you?"

"Well, I dunno," said the farmer, "no more foolish than I would milking a bicycle."

A ONE-MAN JOB

"What are you doing?" demanded the foreman of a construction gang sternly of an alleged worker. "Nothing," was the reply.

"Well, there is no use both of us doing the same thing. You get busy and do something."

The average speed of the bowling ball traveling down the alley is about 30 miles an hour.

More than enough coffee is used daily in the United States to give every man, woman and child at least two cups.

The colored soldier had been peeling potatoes until his hands ached. Turning to a fellow K. P. he said: "What dat sargeant mean when he cal dis K. P.?"

"Ah, dunno," replied his co-worker, "but from de look on his face, Ah thinks he meant 'Keep Peelin'."

Willie: "Pop, what are ancestors?"

Pop: "Well, I'm one of yours, and your granddad is another."

Willie: "Then why does everyone brag about theirs?"

Fresh Freddie: "Aw, Ma, I know where I came from now."

Mother: "W-why, Freddie, what do you mean?"

Freddie: "Well, my name's Ross, isn't it—and I just passed a high building with the sign on it, Ross Manufacturing Company."

"Why do you go on the balcony when I sing? Don't you like to hear me?"

"It isn't that. I want the neighbors to see that I'm not beating my wife."

Aluminum wool is used for cleaning aluminum surfaces, and also for filters in air-conditioning units because it is rust-resistant, light and fireproof.

A Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was 25 cents or 30 cents. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scot's suitcase and tossed it off the train just as they passed over a bridge.

"Mon!" screamed the Scot. "It isn't enough to try to overcharge me, but now you try to drown my little boy!"

20 Congressmen Switch 'Wrong' Votes To 'Right'

Note carefully the names of the 20 congressmen listed below.

These 12 Democrats and 8 Republicans first tried to take the heart out of the housing bill by voting for an amendment to kill public housing (the Rees proposal).

When the Rees amendment failed to pass, the 20 decided to jump on the housing bandwagon. Realizing that the housing measure was going to pass, they wanted to be recorded in favor of it, after having tried to kill it.

The 20 worked to defeat public housing in the House, but then voted for final passage so they could say to their constituents, "I was for the housing bill."

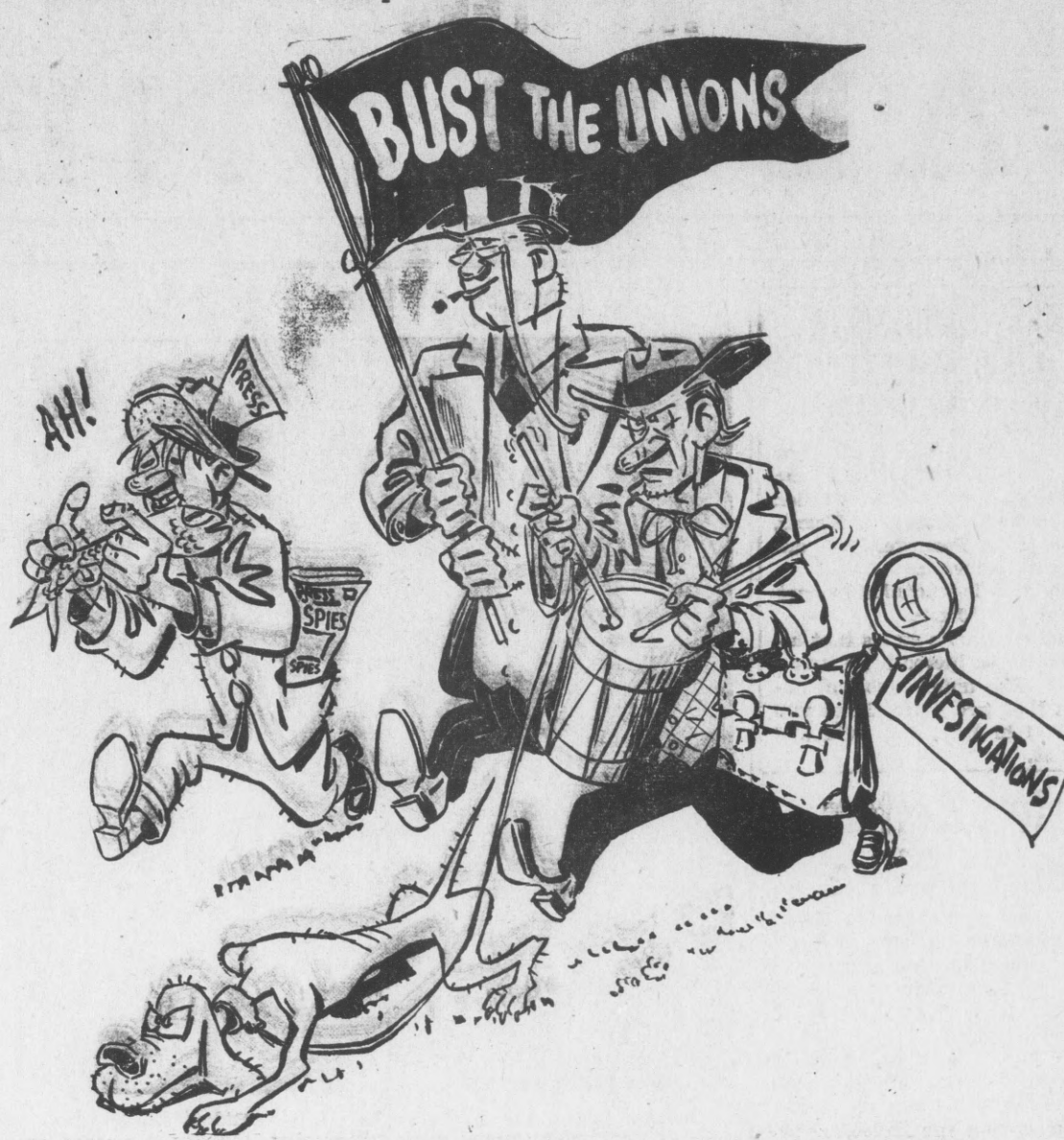
Democrats—12: Allen (La.), Bennett (Fla.), Bentsen (Tex.), Bonner (N.C.), Brooks (La.), Grant (Ala.), Hebert (La.), Richards (S.C.), Rivers (S.C.), Rogers (Fla.), Sikes (Fla.), Smathers (Fla.).

Republicans—8: Corbett (Pa.), Coudert (N.Y.), Ford (Mich.), Jonas (Ill.), Judd (Minn.), O'Konski (Wis.), Sadlak (Conn.), Van Zandt (Pa.).

\$5,583,526 ILO Budget

Luke Success.—A budget of \$5,583,526 for the coming year for the International Labor Organization was approved by a vote of 157 to 0 by the International Labor Conference meeting in Geneva, it was reported here. The sum covers expanded activities for the organization.

Spirit of '49?



'Runaway' Plant Attempts To Deny Earned Vacations

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
New York Correspondent for
AFL News Service

New York — A case now in the process of arbitration involving the denial by a runaway corporation of earned vacation pay to 500 employees has aroused interest in local union circles and merits wider attention because of its implications.

Briefly, the Sylvania Electric Products Corp. subsidiary, Wabash Corp., decided some months ago to move its plant from Brooklyn to a small town in Pennsylvania where nonunion workers could be found. Of course, the reason given for the move was "engaging in the most flagrant kind of bad faith towards its employees" for refusing to pay them earned vacation money.

Meanwhile, the Sylvania Wabash workers have the burden of seeking employment in New York City which is itself suffering from burdensome unemployment already.

Unemployment May Cost \$50 Billion In Goods and Services Next Year

America lost about \$13 billion in the annual rate of goods and services as a result of unemployment in the first three months of 1949.

The Public Affairs Institute reports this fact in a study of first quarter of 1950 would be \$285 billion, on an annual basis.

But if the present rate of unemployment continues, the figure will be only \$230 billion, a loss of \$55 billion.

Increasing unemployment and the resultant loss of goods and services to the American people stems from the "little economy" thinking of businessmen.

"For the year as a whole, less than full employment will lose us a potential of \$27 billion in extra goods and services."

"And for fiscal 1950 the indicated loss in goods and services as compared with a full employment potential is about \$50 billion."

"In terms of gross national product (goods and services) in fourth quarter 1948, the potential \$50 billion loss for fiscal 1950 corresponds to almost one fifth of the value of goods and services produced in that period."

If full employment were to continue at the rate of the last quarter of 1948, it would mean an increase of goods and services totaling \$380 a year for each family.

In determining the cost of unemployment to the nation's economy, the Institute used the last quarter of 1948 as its base. Although economists differ on what constitutes full employment, it is generally agreed that throughout 1948 most persons who wanted jobs could get them.

Gross national product—the total value of goods and services produced for domestic use—in the first three months of 1948 was \$265 billion, on an annual basis.

If the economy had continued expanding as it has in the past few years in the first quarter of 1949, the annual value of goods and services would have been \$269 billion. But unemployment forced this figure down to \$256 billion, a loss of \$13 billion.

Similarly, if employment and production continued expanding all this year and into 1950, the gross national product for the

Radio, Video To Create Jobs For Hundreds

Hundreds of technicians and other workers will be taken on during 1949 by the 100-odd new television stations expected to go on the air this year. Several thousand will be hired by new AM and FM stations. Competition for jobs will generally be keen. Positions with networks pay most and will be the hardest to get; those with small stations pay least and will be easiest to obtain.

Technicians are perhaps in the best position of all the major occupational groups. Men with operating experience will be needed by new stations, and those especially trained in television operating will be increasingly in demand as more and more TV stations go on the air. On the other hand, there are many men with the required Federal Communications Commission licenses but no experience in broadcasting who may have trouble in finding jobs, especially in large communities.

These conclusions are based on a study made by the Occupational Outlook Service of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with the Veterans Administration. The report discusses the employment outlook in radio and television broadcasting in each of the 48 states. It has been published as Bulletin No. 958 of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Outlook in Radio and Television Broadcasting Occupations." Copies may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for 30 cents.

The broadcasting industry has from 40,000 to 45,000 full-time employees, of whom more than one-third are in program departments. Announcers are much the largest group of program employees, and among the other smaller groups of program employees are the writers, musicians, and news personnel. Only about 200 to 300 singers and actors have full-time jobs with stations and networks, but several thousand of them work on a freelance basis, mainly in New York and Los Angeles.

Michigan Lifts Accident Benefits to \$34 a Week

Lansing, Mich.—The principal accomplishment of the Michigan Legislature from the labor point of view was a bill to increase accident benefits, signed by Governor G. Mennen Williams on June 7. It covers industrial accidents and diseases.

Top benefits for workers without dependents were raised \$3 to \$24 a week. The allowance for dependents was increased to \$2 a week for each dependent up to five.

Compensation to families of workers killed in industry was increased up to \$6 a week more. Injured workers will get free medical and hospital service if necessary for two years instead of the previous one-year maximum. Totally disabled workers will be benefited for 500 weeks, a new top.

Coverage for benefits under the compensation law, formerly restricted to employees of firms hiring eight or more persons, was extended so that firms hiring four or more now must comply with the workmen's compensation law.

Governor Williams, in signing the bill, said it still falls short of his conception of a good compensation law.

Labor's News in Brief

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. — Soft coal operators unanimously rejected a share-the-work proposal by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) which would have put the mines on a 3-day-week operation.

Washington — Three Alabama newspapermen outlined for a House judiciary sub-committee a pattern of night-raiding terror by hooded men which has swept the Birmingham, Ala., area in recent weeks. Involvement of the Ku Klux Klan was suggested but not specifically charged in all cases, though the methods were those for which the Klan is known.

New York—Robert F. Wagner, author of the Wagner Act and many other notable New Deal laws, resigned from the U. S. Senate. In poor health for several years, the 72-year-old Democratic senator had represented New York in the upper chamber for over 22 years.

Columbus, O. — First action taken by the American Newspaper Guild convention was adoption of a resolution demanding destruction of the Taft-Hartley law "root and branch" and passage of the administration's Thomas Bill "without crippling amendments."

Washington—American oil companies whose profits in the last two years, resulting in high prices, have totaled nearly \$3 billion, came in for the worst tongue-lashing in years before the Senate banking and currency committee.

Washington — A union cannot be made to pay lost wages to workers kept out of a plant by a picketline and other union methods of persuasion, the NLRB decided unanimously. Payment of wages which would-be scabs claimed they lost because of the strike was sought by the company and by NLRB Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham.

Providence, R.I. — The Intl. Jewelry Workers Union (AFL) cracked an important open shop stronghold in the Rhode Island jewelry industry with the signing of a 3-year contract with Coro Inc., one of the world's largest costume jewelry manufacturers.

New York—The safety of passengers and railroad workers alike demands an extra fireman on diesel locomotives, the Bro. of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (unaffiliated) told a Presidential fact-finding board.

Washington — Inquisition by congressional committee was given a blow by the U. S. Supreme Court, which reversed the perjury conviction of Harold R. Christoffel, a Milwaukee union man. The reversal was based on the narrow legal ground that a quorum of the House Labor Committee was not present when on March 1, 1947, Christoffel said under oath he was not a communist.

Carpenters Can Be Riled! Employers' Tactics Cause Easygoing Union to Fight

E. A. Brown, international Carpenters representative, in a report titled "The Carpenters' Story" points out that the Brotherhood of Carpenters with about 135,000 members scattered in some 90-odd locals throughout the state is generally considered to be a conservative union—but it can get riled up!

Brown blames the arrogant attitude of employers' organizations, with their callous disregard for the pride in craftsmanship of the carpenters, their greedy demands for greater profits and their attempts to substitute shyster tactics for honest collective bargaining, for the current dispute between the AGC and carpenter locals in California.

RESENT BLAME
Brown says: "Carpenters don't mind seeing their fellow workers plumbers, electricians, bricklayers, painters and hodcarriers get \$20 to \$30 a day but they deeply resent being blamed for the high cost of building and told that \$18 for them will wreck our economy."

Brown pointed out that this year the carpenters demanded that employers grant them a wage increase to bring their wages into line with the position of importance to the industry which their trade occupies.

WAGE CUT OFFERED
But the employers retaliated with a demand that they accept a wage cut.

"Nobody," says Brown, "except the carpenters" blames the steel trust for the high cost of building. But, he points out, nails which sold for \$3.85 per 100 lb. keg in '39 are priced today at \$15.

"Nobody," he continues, "except the carpenters" condemn the lumber barons for jacking up the price of flooring from \$62.50 per 1000 bd. ft. for No. 1 v.g. in '39 to \$235 for No. 2 or better slash grain today."

Brown declared that monopoly has such a strangle hold on the hardware field that discounts up to 40 per cent are common practice, but the homebuilder pays the full fixed price.

Other hot points of controversy between the carpenters and AGC which Brown listed were:

1. Traditionally the work day for carpenters has been eight hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Every collective bargaining agreement in the past has had this provision. This year the AGC demanded that the work day be eight hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

2. Prior to the AGC contract the rule was that key men could be brought in from outside. The AGC agreement allowed 25 per cent to be brought on the job by the contractor. This year the AGC demands that they be allowed 100 per cent freedom of selection.

3. The local contractors who are committing themselves to going along with the AGC are not only fighting the union but betraying the best interests of their communities and shirking their civic duties when they acquiesce in such a proposal.

4. The AGC blames labor for the high cost of building and have sold the local contractors on the idea that they should fight labor. This year the AGC remained adamant that the carpenters should accept a wage cut.

A cost study of houses selling for \$12,000.00 shows the following on site labor costs, according to Brown's report:

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Painters | \$240.00 |
| Plumbers | 144.00 |
| Laborers | 72.00 |
| Tile Setters | 57.00 |
| Electricians | 54.00 |
| Sheet Metal Workers | 48.00 |
| Plasterers | 45.00 |
| Bricklayers | 45.00 |
| Tile Setter Helpers | 42.90 |
| Hod Carriers | 38.25 |
| Roofers | 32.00 |
| Hod Carrier | 20.00 |
| Cement Finisher | 16.00 |
| Terrazzo Step Worker | 16.00 |
| Helper | 15.00 |
| Carpenters | 944.00 |
| | \$1,829.15 |

This is slightly over 15 per cent of the selling price of the houses. A \$1.00 per day increase for carpenters would amount to approximately \$60.00 on the finished house or 1/2 of 1 per cent—hardly enough to warrant the charge that carpenters are responsible for the high cost of houses.

Chapman and Smith Betray Labor Support

Washington.—The shift of only one vote would have tied the count on the Lucas amendment in the Senate June 28. The deciding vote would then have been cast by Vice Pres. Barkley and the amendment would have passed, eliminating injunctions from the labor bill.

That one decisive vote to produce a tie might have been cast by Sen. Virgil Chapman (D., Ky.). He was elected in 1948 with active labor support. But he voted against the Lucas amendment and for injunctions.

Another who voted against the Lucas amendment and thereby angered her defenders among labor was Sen. Margaret C. Smith (R., Me.).

SALINAS--HOME OF CALIFORNIA RODEO!

Struve & Laporte Funeral Home

All Caskets with Union Label
Friendly Service with
Proper Facilities

Telephone Salinas 6520
or Salinas 6817

41 West San Luis
At Lincoln Avenue, Salinas

SCHWINN BICYCLES... \$1 down

Bicycle Repairing
Free Pickup and Delivery
Cushman Motorcycles
Whizzer-bike Motors

DICK'S CYCLE SHOP
(DICK'S HOBBY SHOP)
324 N. MAIN STREET
Phone 3732 Salinas

With Local 890



General Teamsters,
Warehousemen and
Helpers' Union

Local 890

274 E. Alisal St.
Salinas, Calif.

Wong and Fong Herb Specialists

45 Years Experience — Free Consultation
Special herbs prepared for Headache, Dizziness, Sinus, Catarrh,
Bronchial Tube Cough, Arthritis, Lungs, Heart, Liver, Kidneys, Nervousness,
High or Low Blood Pressure, Sour Heart Burn, Gas, Bad Stomach, Acid Ulcer,
Blood Ulcer, Constipation, Eczema, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Prostate-gland or Female Trouble, Backache, Bladder, Leg, Knee, Feet pains or swelling, and all other ailments. Our herb treatments will relieve your trouble within a few days. If you have tried other treatments and medicines without results come to Henry Wong, Herb Specialist, 328 1/2 Main Street, and get relief. WONG always studies to help you in any tough sick case you get.

Henry Wong Herb Co.

328 1/2 Main St. Salinas, Calif. Since 1930 in Same Location
Special herb prepared for each ailment. Why suffer? In China 450,000,000 people have used herbs for over 4000 years.
Costs Less to Get Well

L & L Display FIXTURES



- Store Fixtures
- Woodwork of All Kinds
- Formica Tops

308 King St., Salinas, Calif.

John J. Law, Prop.

Phone: Office 2131 -- Residence 4235

PATRONIZE UNION SHOPS

Shelf & Heavy Hardware • Sporting Goods • China & Glassware
Sherwin-Williams Paints • Westinghouse Appliances

Messick Hardware

Phone 8084 247 Main St. Salinas, Calif.

SALINAS DRESSED BEEF CO., Inc.

Wholesale Butchers
Telephone 4854 P.O. Box 47 Salinas, Calif.

SHOP and SAVE at

*Satisfaction guaranteed
or your money back*

1602 South Main St.

Phone 7355



Salinas

TROYLINGS NATURALIZER SHOES FOR WOMEN

PORTAGE SHOES FOR MEN

BUSTER BROWN Jumping Jacks FOR CHILDREN

The RELIABLE

Shoes - Bags - Hosiery
262 Main St. Ph. 3595



Berry's FLOWERS OF DISTINCTION

Phone 4887
WE GIVE GREEN STAMPS
422 Salinas St., Salinas

ECONOMY DRUG CO.



CUT RATE DRUGS
Lowest Everyday Prices
Two Stores:
UNION DRIVE-IN MARKET
BUILDING and
238 MAIN ST., SALINAS

Ride in Style and Comfort — Call



Yellow Cab

SERVICE

Prompt and Courteous
24 hour Ambulance Service

NITE or DAY
Phone 7337
SALINAS

Buy and Hold

U. S. BONDS

STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE. Many employers are instituting voluntary disability insurance plans which must be approved by the majority of the workers. We ask all of our members that before such plans are instituted, that they first be referred to your Union. We have met with many reverses in the State Legislature regarding disability insurance. Your Union therefore is in concert with the State Federation action in boycotting all voluntary plans because of the adamant refusal of certain state legislators to allow any liberalization of the program introduced by the California State Federation of Labor which would have provided for hospital expense for 12 days at the rate of \$8.00 per day commencing January 1, 1950. This, amongst other bills which were introduced and which failed in the various committees, places this Union like many other Unions in a position to disapprove of any voluntary disability plans at the present time.

If you have not yet registered to vote now is the time to do it. When you are in the union office, register to vote there.

Attention, shock drivers: Shock drivers, employed by six companies in the Salinas area, recently accepted a 5c per hour increase in wages effective May 1, 1949. This contract will run for one year. Contracts are being signed and copies will appear on the bulletin boards in the various plants.

We regret to inform our membership of the accidental death of Brother Freddie Ybarra who was employed at a local ice house. He was killed on Sunday, July 3 at the corner of Monterey and Market Streets. Our deepest sympathy to the members of his family. This brother's beneficiary is entitled to, and shall receive \$2000 as he was covered under the group life plan which covers all members of this Union in good standing.

Politics: Despite all the opposition which confronted the Truman administration which was elected by the people in November of '48, it seems that some of the platform measures will materialize. You already know of the Housing Bill, although weakened, will have some bearing on the building construction and will provide eight hundred thousand units at reasonable rates for the working people of America. It is also within the realm of possibilities that we will be favored with a new minimum wage law which we feel will be 75c per hour. This minimum wage law will somewhat balance the economic differences existing between the low pay area in the south and the high pay area in the north and west portions of the United States. This same measure has also received approval in the State Senate.

We are also pleased to inform our membership that on June 27 last, the State Legislature passed A.B. 1805 which amends the Workmen's Compensation Act to increase the pension of a surviving widow with one or more dependent children by 25 per cent, and liberalize death benefits.

A.B. 1190 passed the Senate on June 26. It prohibits firing a worker because he refuses to do a job which is dangerous and would have to be done in violation of state safety regulations.

We regret to state, however, that although the Assembly passed A.B. 933 by a 42 to 13 vote which bill provides for a minimum wage of 75c per hour, this measure was killed in the Senate Labor Committee for lack of one vote. Senator Fred Weybreit in our district we hold responsible for helping to kill this important measure which would have increased Workmen's Compensation benefits to a maximum of \$30 to \$35 per week.

On the same day, however, the Senate Finance and Insurance Committee acted favorably on a bill to continue child care centers for another year. Approximately six million dollars will be made available for the centers.

Are you a registered voter?

Financial Responsibility Act: We ask all of our membership who drive trucks for hire, to check into the status of their employers regarding the financial responsibility act, which means that all vehicles must carry the necessary liability insurance in the event of an accident under the present law.

Your Union is taking a great interest in local community affairs. On July 6, representatives of your Union attended a City Council meeting in Monterey regarding certain acts by special groups who are attempting, through pressure, to remove controls from present rental laws, which although weak, still have a semblance of control over landlords who wish to raise rents above present standards. Representatives will attend all future Council meetings both in Sa-

linas and Monterey for the mutual protection of the working men and women generally in the area.

If you have not yet registered to vote, be sure you register today.

Kiddies Klub: On Saturday, July 16, another Kiddies show will go on at the Union High School Auditorium at 10 a.m. All children 12 years and under are asked to attend.

Our Kiddies show the past week was a huge success again, and the following children won pure-bred cocker spaniel puppies that were donated by the Central Labor Council and purchased from the Sugar Valley Pet Center, Stewart Anderson, 161 Torro Avenue, Salinas, a student at the airport school, on one puppy; Loretta Tittle, 440 Hyland Street, a sixth grade student at the Fremont School, won the other cocker spaniel. The grand prize was won by John Young, 9 Santa Clara St., Salinas, age 5 years. John was very enthused with his bicycle but had to exchange it for a smaller one as the bicycle that was on display was too large for little John. Also, every child that attended the show was given free season passes to all the ball games at the Municipal Stadium for the balance of the season.

The bicycle was donated by Dick's Cycle Shop, 324 No. Main. We urge all of our members and their friends that whenever possible, patronize Dick's Cycle Shop because Dick has furnished us with our bicycle free of charge for these shows and merits the patronage of all organized labor. We might also add that the Sugar Valley Pet Center, 276 E. Alisal Street, has been very kind in donating puppies free of charge to our shows since its inception on May 7. The Sugar Valley Pet Center also merits your patronage; and whenever in need of pet supplies, be sure to make your purchases there.

Along with our shows, we have speaker systems both for automobiles for advertising purposes and at the auditorium for the speaker system to maintain and produce our shows. These systems are donated and maintained by the McGeorge Radio Shop, free of charge. We urge our members again, that when in need of radio service or supplies, to patronize the McGeorge Radio Shop, 278 E. Alisal Street, Salinas. They have been very kind to our shows and have helped us out immeasurably free gratis.

Sports. On Wednesday, July 13, your Union will be honored by the Salinas Colts at which time all men of the Teamsters Union will be admitted for 50c and their lady friends or wives free of charge. This will be a good ball game between the Salinas Colts and Porterville. We ask all members to attend.

Shop Cards. The Shop Card is trade emblem. We ask that you look for this Shop Card when patronizing tire shops, gas stations, cab companies, etc.

In Salinas we have the following firms who are organized and merit your patronage: The following cab companies are 100 per cent union: Black and White, Salinas 5565; Yellow, Salinas 7337; Checker, Salinas 4806; Packard, Salinas 8001. In Monterey, the Checker Cab Co., Monterey 5141; Rusty's Limousine and Taxi, Monterey 5581; and Monterey Taxi, Monterey 3155.

The following service stations and parts houses are organized and merit your patronage: Les Thompson's Tire Service, Front and Alisal Sts.; Firestone Stores, Monterey and San Luis Sts.; Deane Tire Service, E. Gablan and Monterey; Lamar Brothers, E. Market and Monterey; Sears, at Valley Center; Harry Rhodes Tire Service, John and Front; Don Hultz Tire Co., Pajaro Street.

Register to vote.

Are you receiving the International Teamster?
Have you changed your address recently? If so, be sure the union office has your new address.
Are you a registered voter? If

Oregon AFL Convention Demands Outright Taft-Hartley Repeal

Eugene, Ore.—Outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley law was the demand of the 46th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor, which met here in week-long session.

More than 500 delegates from 436 locals and central labor bodies shouted down advice of federation officials to leave consideration of the anti-labor law for a later spot on the agenda and made it instead their first order of business. They coupled their unanimous demand for repeal of the law with a call for immediate removal of NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham.

LARGEST HELD

The convention, largest ever held by the AFL in Oregon, launched an all-out campaign to "help our friends and defeat our enemies in 1950." The political education drive was keyed by Director Joseph Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education, who told delegates that every proposal of labor has been met with the stock answer, "if it's labor, it's socialist."

"There's a job to be done in 1950," he said. "That's the year we're going to be put to the real test, but we'll save America for America."

The political action resolution adopted by the delegates declared: "We proclaim labor's campaign has begun on this 24th day of June, 1949, and will be waged unceasingly until Nov. 7, 1950." LLPE groups will be set up in every congressional district in the state and temporary officers, already named, will meet in the next few weeks to set up a permanent organization.

CIO INVITE

The convention voted unanimously to invite the CIO back into the AFL fold. Copies of the invitation were sent to CIO Pres. Philip Murray and State CIO Sec. Stanley Earl.

Hot debate was touched off by a similar resolution aimed at the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated), which was ousted from the AFL Labor Temple headquarters in Portland only last year. The resolution was finally adopted after provisions which some delegates

Welfare Activities Expand Freedom, Says U.S. Official

Cleveland—Pernicious propaganda charging every act of a government agency or a private philanthropic body that increases a man's social welfare, automatically reduces his freedom was scored as "a false and misleading proposition" by Earl J. McGrath, United States Commissioner of Education.

This proposition, he declared, "must be exposed if we are to have any type of adequate Social Security program," he addressed 7000 social workers attending the National Conference of Social Work here.

"I believe that the history of our nation shows a steady growth in the well-being of our people with a commensurate growth in freedom. I believe that we can achieve much greater security than we enjoy at present, not with a loss of, but with an actual increase in, political and personal independence."

Electric Refrigerators

In tests of 10 electric refrigerators, Consumers Union placed the major emphasis on such characteristics as refrigerating performance, economy of operation, and insulation. Consideration was also given to finish, space arrangement, and such convenience features as ice-cube and ice-tray removal, door handles, grid spacing and shelf stability, ease of cleaning, etc. The refrigerators tested were the lowest priced, least "de luxe" model in each line; the size of each model closest to eight cubic feet was selected for the tests. Three refrigerators came out at the head of CU's "acceptable" list, which is published in the current issue of Consumer Reports. They are: General Electric NB8-E, \$229.75, 8.1 cu. ft. (manufacturer states that GE NB8-F, \$229.75, is the 1949 model identical with the above refrigerator); Westinghouse S-7-49, \$229.75, 7 cu. ft. (manufacturer states that Westinghouse D-7-49, \$229.75, is the same except for a slightly more de luxe interior); Sears Coldspot, Cat. No. 4871, 7.3 cu. ft., \$199.95 plus shipping charges (from about \$3 to about \$10).

not, register today or the next time you are in the union office. Remember to attend all regular meetings—at least one meeting quarterly should be attended or you will be subject to a \$2.50 fine.

Pay your dues on or before the first day of each month so that you will keep in good standing at all times, and be eligible for any benefits provided by your union.

Register to vote—today. Buy only union merchandise. Patronize only those firms that display the union shop card.

Unions Should Join L.L.P.E.

Reports from Sacramento emphasize that it should be no surprise to union members that the recently-concluded legislative session accomplished virtually nothing, and that this is especially true as far as labor is concerned. While most outright anti-labor bills were stopped, the same holds true for the bills to improve the welfare of union members.

Bills improving unemployment and disability insurance, workmen's compensation, security rights and a number of others representative of the ambitious program with which labor launched its attack on anti-labor forces for the most part have found their death in the Assembly or else have been hog-tied in some Senate committee.

This situation gives rise to a very important question which should be uppermost in the minds of all union members, namely: Why must labor with its majority of the state's population bow subserviently to fewer but better organized forces determined to undermine the interests of every union member?

If labor doesn't "get together" and with concerted action and co-operative spirit attack the foe; if various groups work alone in some instances introducing duplicate sets of bills on the same subject, playing directly into the hands of legislators who, realizing this tendency, play one group against another to the detriment of all; then perhaps the answer may be found as to why labor many times must satisfy itself by taking the crumbs that are left over from the legislative pie.

All-Negro Legion Post Says Robeson Lies

Seattle, Wash.—Paul Robeson's statement at a pro-Communist rally in Paris, France, that the American Negro would not fight for the United States in another war was given the lie by the Puget Sound Post 221, a colored American Legion post here.

The local post adopted a resolution condemning the famous singer's attempt "to lead the world to believe that the American Negro's political beliefs are the same as Robeson's."

Thompson Paint Co.

Wall Paper - Painters' Supplies
371 Main Street Phone 3985
Salinas, Calif.



For Your Furniture,
Linoleum, Stoves, See

**STANDARD
FURNITURE CO.**
John at California St.
Phone 4522
LIBERAL TERMS

Armory Cafe

"A GOOD PLACE TO EAT"
Sensible Prices
Breakfast - Lunch and Supper
231 SALINAS STREET
Phone 8308
SALINAS, CALIF.

SEEK HEALTH THROUGH CLEANLINESS WITHIN

TRY OUR SCIENTIFIC COLON IRRIGATIONS TO RELIEVE
THE SECONDARY CAUSE OF MOST DISEASE

DR. W. A. MARSH, Chiropractor

549 EAST ALISAL ST., SALINAS PHONE 5919

LEIDIG'S

- LIQUOR
- WINES
- BEER
- VEGETABLES
- GROCERIES
- FRUITS



Thousands
Of Satisfied
Patrons
Throughout
Our Surrounding
Communities
Special herb prepared for each ailment

CORNER
JOHN & PAJARO STS.

Salinas, Calif. Phone 3742

SALINAS VALLEY SHEET METAL WORKS

VINCENT C. MARCI
322 KING ST. Phone 6181 SALINAS, CALIF.

